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LeRoy Shingoitewa, Chairman
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Subject: Proposed Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Project – Draft Ranking

Dear Chairman Shingoitewa:

Thank you for the Hopi Tribe's proposal submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the FY 2013 Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) solicitation. Below is USEPA's draft ranking for the following proposed project:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Draft Ranking Health Category</u>
DWTSA-13-4	Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project	F3

The amount of funds that will be available in FY 2013 is unknown at this time. We hope to fund at least some portion of projects ranked in Health Categories B through F that are ready to proceed. This year, USEPA received 33 project proposals totalling \$34 million. A description of the health categories is included on pages 13 and 14 of the Full Guidance document (<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/dwtsa.html>).

In order to maintain consideration for USEPA funding or reconsideration of the draft rankings, **the following information must be received by USEPA no later than February 28, 2013.**

1. Provide a summary of the amount of funds drawn down from the existing DWTSA funding for the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project. Recent financial information indicates approximately \$3.8 million in DWTSA funds remain to be spent. Before USEPA will add more money to fund the project, USEPA will need some assurance or documentation that additional funds will be needed.
2. Any changes to the Capacity Checklist and Project Management Checklist previously submitted to USEPA (see <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/dwtsa.html>). The DWTSA program regulations require that the tribe has adequate technical, managerial and financial capacity to operate and maintain the system in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). USEPA's assessment of the tribe's capacity may include a

site visit from your USEPA Program Manager and/or a contractor. Please note that assistance will not be provided to systems that are in significant non-compliance with national primary drinking water regulations (including monitoring and reporting requirements), unless the system achieves compliance or the project that is being funded will ensure compliance. Likewise, those systems that cannot demonstrate the capacity to operate and maintain the system in compliance with the SDWA will not be funded.

3. Evidence that the public water system has, or will obtain, certified operator(s) qualified to operate the proposed project.

If you have questions, please call Bessie Lee at (415) 972-3776, or me at (415) 972-3445. Thank you for participating in the FY 2013 DWTSA solicitation.

Sincerely,



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